

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD.

Minutes of meeting in the County Hall, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr
on 25 January 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Board Members:

Councillor Douglas Campbell, Leader of South Ayrshire Council (Chair); **Councillor Martin Dowey**, South Ayrshire Council; **Councillor Brian McGinley**, South Ayrshire Council; **Eileen Howat**, Chief Executive, South Ayrshire Council; **Douglas Hutchison**, Director of Educational Services, South Ayrshire Council; **Gary I 'Anson**, Chief Superintendent, Area Commander, South Ayrshire, Police Scotland; **Stewart Miller**, Ayrshire College; **Kenny Hankinson**, Group Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; **Vincent Logue**, Skills Development Scotland; **Marie Oliver**, Chief Executive Officer, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire; **Allan Comrie**, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; **Stephen McGill**, Department of Works and Pensions, Ayr Jobcentre; **Brian Connolly**, Scottish Enterprise; **Martin Cheyne**, NHS Ayrshire & Arran Health Board and **Craig Nicol**, University of the West of Scotland

Apologies: **John Burns**, Chief Executive, NHS Ayrshire & Arran; **Stewart Donnolly**, Chair, Integration Joint Board; **Kenny Leinster**, Director of Community Health and Social Care; **Paul Main**, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland; **Val Russell**, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry; **Jim Scott**, Scottish Fire and Rescue; **Heather Dunk**, Principal, Ayrshire College; **Catriona Morton**, Department of Works and Pensions; **Dr Joy Tomlinson**, Public Health Medicine, NHS Ayrshire & Arran and Hazel Mathieson, Director of Operations, Skills Development Scotland

Others attending:

Valerie Stewart, Community Planning Co-ordinator; **Alice Dillon**, Manager, Community Justice Ayrshire; **Faye Murfet**, Co-ordinator, South Ayrshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership; **Peter Rub**, Corporate Policy Officer, South Ayrshire Council.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Councillor Douglas Campbell opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the Community Planning Board of 12 September 2017 (issued) were submitted and approved.

5. Update from Community Planning Executive

There was submitted (issued) a report dated 12 September 2017 by the Head of Communities to the Community Planning Board updating the Board on meetings of the Community Planning Executive of 3 November 2017 and 15 December 2017.

The Chief Executive, South Ayrshire Council and Chair of the Community Planning Executive, spoke briefly to the report and the Chair commented that discussion required to take place to identify the work that really needed to be undertaken and plan and deliver on that.

In terms of Corporate Parenting the Chair intimated that there was a variety of opportunities available to partners to improve the lives of children and young people in the area and that greater collaborative work had to be undertaken to achieve this.

Decided: to note the contents of the report.

6. Inspection of Children's Services

Douglas Hutchison, Director of Educational Services gave a presentation covering the main areas of progress that had been made since the last inspection in 2016.

The presentation covered the undernoted key areas:-

Leadership

There was now clear direction and desire within the Programme for Effective Governance 2017 – 22 particularly in dealing with deprivation. The CPP Board had established the Children's Services Planning Group as the main vehicle for planning services for children. An effective streamlined governance framework was in place. Partners had to further progress the realignment of joint resources with joint self-evaluation informing of progress made and future direction.

Early Intervention

The CPP have targeted support to vulnerable families, improved the timescales and support to families with high risk pregnancies. The Family Nurse Partnership has been extended to more women including those aged 20-24 with additional risk. Embedded closing the gap strategies had been implemented by multi-agency use of PEF and Attainment Challenge funding.

Looked After Away From Home

Douglas Hutchison, Director of Educational Services advised that robust scrutiny arrangements, through GARF, were now in place as was intensive support for families. The number of children looked after in regulated care had reduced however the number of kinship carers had increased.

Integrated Service Delivery

Plans had been put in place to deliver a locality model of integrated service delivery, ensuring that children and young people get the right help at the right time. A team around the child/locality model and been introduced with greater staged intervention and information sharing with the appropriate agencies.

Planning

The Children's Services Plan had be reviewed after a consultation period particularly involving the contribution from children and young people. There had been a review and refocus of the Child Protection Committee with the introduction of a Quality Assurance Framework. A Champions Board had been introduced which would focus on Corporate Parenting.

In summary there is now a clearer vision and direction; improved strategic planning arrangements are now in place; there has been increased participation of children and young people in the process and there was a commitment and coherence of staff in collaboration to meet the vision. Douglas Hutchison, Director of Educational Services did however acknowledge that the Council faced several challenges namely realigning spend; mitigating against increasing deprivation and maintaining the change of improvement.

Councillor McGinley enquired as to how the forthcoming inspection was perceived. Douglas Hutchison, Director of Educational Services advised that, since the last inspection and the work undertaken since then, there was now a clear vision, a positivity amongst staff and a clearer understanding of what required to be done to decrease deprivation and improve the lives of children and young people in South Ayrshire.

The Chair intimated that it was vital that this message and synergy was cascaded to all partners and that finance was directed to the right areas via the Children's Services Planning Group. There required to be greater collaborative working with everyone working to the same aims.

The Chair asked the Chief Executive to speak to the Chief Officers' Group for Public Protection to ensure that all Services were working in the right direction.

In reply to a question from the Director of Educational Services as to whether the Champions Board (representing children and young people in care) had been invited to speak to the CP Board, Valerie Stewart asked the Chair if it would be beneficial for them to come to the next meeting of the Community Planning Board, the Chair agreed.

Decided:-

- (1) to note the contents of the presentation;
- (2) to request that the Chief Executive speak to the Chief Officers' Group for Public Protection regarding greater collaborative working;
- (3) to invite representatives of the Champions Board to the next meeting of the Community Planning Board; and
- (4) to update the Board on the findings of the forthcoming inspection.

7. Child Protection Committee (CPC) – Annual Report and Strategic Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse – Report by the Director of Children's Health Care and Criminal Justice

There was submitted (issued) a report dated 25 January 2018 by the Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice informing members of the Board of two documents related to child protection; The South Ayrshire Protection Committee (CPC) Annual Report 2017-18 and the South Ayrshire Strategy to address Sexual Exploitation and Abuse which was developed in August 2017.

Valerie Stewart, Community Planning Co-ordinator, gave a brief verbal overview of the highlights and progress made against the main indicators of Child Protection Annual Report.

Gary I'Anson, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland provided a verbal report to the Board. He advised that CPC Annual Report 2017-18 reported on progress made against the agreed improvement priorities for child protection within South Ayrshire.

It was recognised that sexual exploitation was a form of sexual abuse and as such was part of the continuum of violence as it affected the whole community with age and gender not being a barrier. Collective activities required to meet the commitments set out in the Single Outcome Agreement, namely; that communities in South Ayrshire are stronger and safer and that our children and young people in South Ayrshire have the best possible life chances.

The long term objectives were to see reduced levels of sexual exploitation and abuse and to ensure that high quality support is being provided to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse. Therefore, within South Ayrshire a joint strategic outcomes framework and action plan had been developed to align with actions within the national framework.

The Chair asked what the working relationships with partners was like in tackling this issue, Gary I'Anson, Chief Superintendent advised that working relationships were strong and that there was a willingness to work together to tackle this issue. Frontline Officers had been trained to pick up triggers, Kenny Hankinson, Depute Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue intimated that it would be worthy of Fire Officers undertaking similar training.

Decided:

- (1) to note the content of the presentation; and
- (2) that members of the Community Planning Board take cognisance of the Strategy in response to sexual exploitation and abuse in relation to their own services.

8. Alcohol and Drugs Strategy Development – Emerging Themes – Presentation by the Co-ordinator, South Ayrshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership

There was a presentation by Faye Murfet, Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Co-ordinator on the Strategic Development of the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and its emerging themes and priorities.

The aim of the strategy was to develop an accessible summary document identifying priority areas underpinned by needs assessment and a strategic delivery and commissioning plan. Initial consultation had taken place with service users, staff, families, front line staff, individuals accessing services, stakeholder's consultation events, HSCP/ CPP partner and groups and locality groups.

The issues that have been raised thus far have been that addiction is not 9 to 5, Monday to Friday, the need to take a 'whole family' approach to recovery, identifying what support people need/want, developing peer support training, addressing stigma, encouraging alcohol free environments/events, early intervention and services being accessible.

Public consultation would take place in April/May 2018 with the document being finalised in June 2018. Improvement actions would be developed linked to each priority area with the commissioning of services and support in line with these priorities.

Community Planning partners would be encouraged to contribute to the development of the draft strategy which is why the emerging themes were being presented at this stage.

Decided: to note the contents of the presentation.

9. Community Justice Ayrshire – Update on Implementation of New Model – Report the Manager, Community Justice Ayrshire

There was submitted (issued) a report dated 16 January 2018 by the Manager, Community Justice Ayrshire providing an update on the development of the Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan (CJOIP), on the transitions funding for Community Justice Ayrshire 2015-2018, on the ongoing funding arrangements for Community Justice Ayrshire 2018-19 and to provide an update on the Pan Ayrshire Multi-Disciplinary Conference on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Trauma being hosted by Community Justice Ayrshire on the 16 February 2018.

As the CJOIP was a one year plan, consultations had been ongoing with partners to identify the areas of focus for 2018-19 and to build these into a CJOIP. The plan would build on the achievements of the existing CJOIP and would continue to be based on the ethos of 'Beginning's, Belonging, Belief'.

It was proposed that the new plan would focus broadly on Prevention/Early Intervention and Recovery/Inclusion. Specific actions would be created linked to the following areas: Keep out of the Justice System; women; Families and Victims' Inclusion and Equality; Services Users Involvement; Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma; Strength in Recover; and Restorative Practice.

The above areas of focus would be addressed via links with strategic partners and four Community Justice Ayrshire led thematic groups: Whole Systems Approach for Women; Throughcare and Integration; Children and Families Affected by Justice; and Health and Justice. Areas of specific action to South Ayrshire would be led by the Community Justice Joint Action Group.

Community Justice Ayrshire were also committing to hosting a number of training events throughout 2018-19.

In January 2018 each local authority received confirmation that a further £50,000 would be provided for the financial year 2018-19 to support the continued development of the new model of community justice. It was proposed that these additional funds were used to continue to support the staffing for a Community Justice Ayrshire.

There was an underspend from the three year transitions fund in the region of £100,000- equating to around £33,000 of South Ayrshire's overall Transition funding for 2015/18. A report was provided to the Community Justice Board in December 2017 to highlight this underspend, and to make suggestions as to how this could be utilised in the forthcoming year, subject to approval from Scottish Government. This request was formally agreed by the Scottish Government on 11 January 2018.

Community Justice Ayrshire were also hosting a conference on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and trauma which is hoped will be a catalyst for future multi-disciplinary work on this topic.

Decided:

- (1) to agree and support the aims of the CJOIP Implementation Plan for 2018-19.
- (2) to note the update on the transitional funding (2015-18), and to agree the use of the slippage from this funding in the manner proposed and to note the ongoing funding arrangements for Community Justice Ayrshire for 2018-19, and to agree to support the extension of the Community Justice Ayrshire staff posts until March 2019.
- (3) To note the contents of the aims and agenda for the ACEs Conference to be held in February 2018.

Councillor Campbell left the meeting at this point and Councillor McGinley took over the Chair.

10. Adverse Childhood Experiences – Joint Presentation by Co-ordinator, South Ayrshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and Manager, Community Justice Ayrshire

There was a presentation by Faye Murfet, Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Co-ordinator and Alice Dillon, Manager, Community Justice Ayrshire on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) linked to Substance Misuse and Offending.

In terms of ACEs the presentation highlighted that if a child experiences four or more adverse experiences in childhood in relation to abuse, neglect and household adversity such as domestic violence, then according to English and Welsh ACEs study they are more likely to have negative outcomes and in particular 11 to 20 times more likely to be incarcerated. A Scottish study shows that 62% had been involved in Children's Panels and 52% had been in prison.

The presentation then went on to discuss resilience and the importance of ensuring that all children have at least one stable relationship in their lives and that partners could now consider trauma informed practice as well as routine enquiry and earlier intervention to prevent ACEs.

Councillor McGinley thanked Faye and Alice for their interesting presentation and emphasised again that all partners needed to pull in the one direction. Processes require to be streamlined to aid a situation and not compound it. Councillor McGinley enquired if the presentation slides could be forward to all elected members.

Decided:

- (1) to note the contents of the presentation
- (2) to arrange for the presentation slides to be emailed to all elected members.

11. South Ayrshire Citizens Panel (SA1000) – Quality of Life Survey – Report by the Director of Policy and Performance

There was submitted (issued) a report, dated 25 January 2018, by the Head of Policy and Performance, South Ayrshire Council updating the Board on the findings of the South Ayrshire 1000 (SA1000) report following the Quality of Life Survey.

Peter Rub, Corporate Policy Officer, South Ayrshire Council presented the findings of the Quality of Life Survey which was concluded in 2017.

The aim of the survey was to establish a robust and reliable set of data recording the views and experiences of South Ayrshire residents on a range of issues agreed by the South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership. The survey covered living in Ayrshire; lifestyle, quality of life, general health and wellbeing; community involvement; community safety; money and debt management; energy efficiency and climate change and communicating and engaging. 965 panel members were surveyed with a 56% response rate.

Generally those surveyed were satisfied with South Ayrshire as a place to live, there was a good quality of life, services were well co-ordinated for people who needed care, people felt safe, people recognised that climate change was an immediate and urgent problem and less people found it difficult to influence decisions.

The negative results of the survey were the equality of the representation, the slight decline in the number of responses received, the quality of life in the town, more people provided unpaid care, more than half don't report incidents, less people know how to access money/debt advice and less people wanted to be involved in decisions that public services took.

Valerie Stewart, Co-ordinator, Community Planning intimated that a number of partners had had the opportunity to contribute questions to the survey and offered to email the detailed findings, of the survey, to Board members. The information from the survey could subsequently be disseminated within partner organisations who could then take account of feedback when considering service provision within their own areas.

Members expressed concern regards the possible under/over representation on SA1000 and requested that work be undertaken to ensure a greater representation of under represented groups i.e. young people, people living in a deprived area.

Decided:

- (1) to note the findings of the survey;
- (2) to request that Valerie Stewart, Co-ordinator circulate the detailed findings of the survey to partner organisations and;
- (3) to request that work be undertaken to ensure the equality of representation on SA1000.

12. South Ayrshire Transport Outcomes Report for 2017-18 – Report by the Director of Policy and Planning SPT

There was submitted (issued) a report, dated 25 January 2018, by the Head of Policy and Planning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) informing the Board of the preparation by SPT of South Ayrshire Transport Outcome Report (TOR). Highlighting the connection between SPT activities and local outcomes from the Single Outcome Agreement and highlighting the focus given within the TOR to the services and benefits that SPT has delivered in 2016/17 together with details of the SPT – South Ayrshire joint work streams for 2017/18.

Alan Comrie, Senior Transport Planning (SPT) provided a verbal report and highlighted Section 5 of the report which detailed the results of a household survey which demonstrated that people within South Ayrshire appeared to be satisfied with transport issues.

Councillor McGinley intimated that transport within rural communities was an issue within the South Ayrshire in terms of being restrictive, people required to get access, at convenient times, to jobs, dental and doctor's appointments etc. Alan Comrie, Senior Transport Planning (SPT) advised that a number of routes had been de-registered however the SPT did employ a Community Bus Officer who was working on improving transport services within rural areas.

Councillor McGinley suggested that, using SPTs expertise, work be undertaken towards integrating transport services, particularly within rural areas, and requested that the Chief Executive take this forward.

Decided:

- (1) to note the contents of the report; and
- (2) request that the Chief Executive take forward work, in consultation with SPT, work on improving transport services within rural area.

13. Any Other Items of Business

Valerie Stewart, Community Planning Co-ordinator advised that Scottish Government had issued a consultation strategy document on 'Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness' which reflects one of the 4 main priorities of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and which partners could comment on. Valerie offered to circulate the link to the document.

Valerie Stewart, Community Planning Co-ordinator also advised that there were four places available on the Community Empowerment Partnership Action Learning Programme being run on 28 February and 14 May 2018; Valerie again agreed to circulate information.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Planning Board would take place on Thursday 3 May 2018 at 2.00pm in the County Hall, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr.

The meeting ended at 4.20 pm