

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD.

Minutes of meeting in the Maybole Committee Room, County Buildings,
Wellington Square, Ayr
on 3 May 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Board Members:

Councillor Douglas Campbell, Leader of South Ayrshire Council (Chair); **Councillor Brian McGinley**, South Ayrshire Council; **Eileen Howat**, Chief Executive, South Ayrshire Council; **Douglas Hutchison**, Depute Chief Executive and Director People, South Ayrshire Council; **Paul Main**, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland; **Gary I 'Anson**, Chief Superintendent, Area Commander, South Ayrshire, Police Scotland; **Heather Dunk**, Principal, Ayrshire College; **Tim Eltringham**, Director of Health and Social Care; **Dr Joy Tomlinson**, Public Health Medicine, NHS Ayrshire & Arran; **Jim Scott**, Scottish Fire and Rescue; **Marie Oliver**, Chief Executive Officer, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire; **Val Russell**, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry; **Allan Comrie**, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; **Kerry Wallace**, Unit Manager, Scottish Natural Heritage; and **Pauline Craig**, Jobcentre Plus. **Kevin Callan**, Team leader, Skills Development Scotland

Apologies: **John Burns**, Chief Executive, NHS Ayrshire & Arran; **Stewart Donnolly**, Chair, Integration Joint Board; **Brian Connolly**, Scottish Enterprise; **Kenny Leinster**, Head of Community Health and Social Care; **Hazel Mathieson**, Head of Operations, Skills Development Scotland; **Rhona Welch**, District Manager, Jobcentre Plus; **Dr Martin Cheyne**, Chairman, NHS Health Board; **Alyson Russell-Stevenson**, Location Director, Scottish Enterprise and **Craig Nicol**, University of the West of Scotland.

Others attending:

Valerie Stewart, Community Planning Co-ordinator; **Claire Monaghan**, Service Lead – Community Services and Facilities; **Mark Baker**, Service Lead – Corporate Planning and Improvement and **Alison Nelson**, Co-ordinator, Democratic Services.

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.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the Community Planning Board of 25 January 2018 (issued) were submitted and approved.

4. Matters Arising

Item 12, third paragraph should read Allan Comrie, Senior Transport Planner (SPT) advised that a number of routes had been 'de-registered' and not de-regulated as stated. He also advised that the SPT had employed a Community Bus Officer however he had subsequently left the organisation.

5. Update from Community Planning Executive

There was submitted (issued) a report dated 3 May 2018 by the Service Lead – Community Services and Facilities to the Community Planning Board updating the Board on meetings of the Community Planning Executive of 22 February and 19 April 2018.

The Community Planning Executive had considered:-

- Children's issues including the feedback from the Inspection process and the work getting underway on Realigning Children's Services which would provide a comprehensive strategic needs assessment and capacity building;
- Local delivery of the healthy weight strategy which was an important aspect of reducing health inequalities and how consideration of physical activity would be considered as part of new projects;
- The options for a more joined up approach on consultation and improving capacity for high quality, meaningful consultation across partner work;
- The draft local Police Plan for South Ayrshire and the emerging work on Adverse Childhood Experiences with the Ayrshire Division becoming the first Trauma informed Division in Scotland;
- The draft Health and Social Care Strategic Plan which was subject to consultation;
- The draft Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan for 2018/19; and
- The outputs from the social isolation workshop and joining that up with the dementia work to bring clarity about how the partnership will deliver against the priority of healthier older people.

The Community Planning Executive had also agreed a new format detailing their forward work programme (circulated). The next meeting of the Community Planning Executive was scheduled for the 6 June 2018.

Decided: to note the contents of the report and that any comments on the Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan should be submitted by 31st May 2018

6. The Champions Board

Dawn Parker, Corporate Parenting Officer and the Champions Board Participation Assistants delivered an interactive session exploring care and corporate parenting and encouraged Community Planning partners to consider their own roles as corporate parents.

The frank and very emotive presentation and DVD covered the Champions Board Participation Assistants' experiences from being taken into care, through being looked after and becoming independent. A letter was circulated and read out from a looked after person to South Ayrshire partners and partners attending the meeting were encouraged to write a reply from their perspective as a corporate parent to all looked after children.

Eileen Howat, Chief Executive urged partners to become involved, possibly through offering work experience or apprenticeship schemes. Councillor McGinley intimated that the presentation was very powerful and that it had taken courage to participate in the making of the DVD. He stated that Participation Assistants were in the right place

today, with many partners present, to get their message across. He urged them never to doubt the value of their message, to keep asking and to keep knocking on doors.

Val Russell, Chief Executive of the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry intimated that she would endeavour to arrange a presentation to the Chamber's members within the private sector.

As a commitment to young people, the Chair advised that a motion had been submitted to a recent meeting of South Ayrshire Council proposing that the Council requested officers to develop proposals to ensure that Looked After Young People and Care Leavers no longer had to resort to going through the homeless system to gain accommodation when they reach their 18th year. A report was being requested for submission to the Leadership Panel in August.

Dr Joy Tomlinson, Public Health, NHS Ayrshire and Arran urged the Participation Assistants to remember that none of them were 'statistics' and that they were on a great launch pad for the future.

The Chair, on behalf of the members of the Board, thanked Dawn Parker and the Board Participation Assistants for their time and advised the Board that he met with Dawn 6 weekly to progress this work.

7. Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People in South Ayrshire

There was submitted (issued) a report dated 3 May 2018 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director People to the Community Planning Board inviting the Board to consider the Progress Report Review which followed the Joint Inspection for Services for Children and Young People in South Ayrshire.

The Depute Chief Executive reported on the findings of the follow up inspection in relation to the five areas identified for improvement as a result of the initial joint inspection.

The five areas identified:-

Improvement Area 1: strengthen strategic leadership and direction through effective collaborative working and joint management of resources to drive an improvement and change programme at pace.

Improvement Area 2: demonstrate improving trends in closing outcome gaps in the early years for children growing up in the communities affected by poverty and deprivation.

Improvement Area 3: urgently reduce the number of young people aged 11-15 years starting to be accommodated away from homes by taking a multi-agency approach.

Improvement Area 4: progress plans to deliver a locality model of integrated service delivery, ensuring that children and young people get the right help at the right time; and

Improvement Area 5: deliver specific and measureable improvements in the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable groups of children and young people through effective children's service planning and the work of the child protection committee.

The Depute Chief Executive intimated that the Progress Report Review was positive with significant progress having been made. There had been a great deal of collaborative work conducted, across services, improving trends and outcomes.

The Chair commended the report and the work undertaken and enquired as to how this work would be progressed and monitored.

The Depute Chief Executive advised that the Children's Services Plan, which he felt was a coherent meaningful document, would drive this work forward.

It included five manageable priorities with a performance framework around the priorities to ensure that each one would be met and measured. He also advised that there had been improved consultation and engagement with children, families and people who used our services to ensure that the Children's Services Plan was going in the right direction.

Decided: to note the findings of the Progress Review Report following the Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People in South Ayrshire and, to note that improvements would be encompassed into the work of the Children's Services Strategic Delivery Partnership and that updates would be provided via the children's services strand of community planning activity.

8. Draft Children's Services Annual Report 2017/18

There was submitted (issued) a report dated 3 May 2018 by the Depute Chief Executive and Director People to the Board inviting the Community Planning Board to consider the draft Children's Services Annual Report 2017/18 and to provide any feedback prior to its finalisation and submission to the Scottish Government.

The South Ayrshire Children's Services Plan 2017-20 provided the policy framework within which partners work together to pursue the vision of closing the gap and achieving potential. It is an important component of reducing inequalities for young people within the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan. An annual report has been drafted which summarised actions and activities taken across partners to ensure that the needs of children and young people were met effectively.

The Priority Areas were:-

Priority 1 – Ensure South Ayrshire's children get the best start in life, it is the best place to grow up and all children and young people are successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

Priority 2 – Reduce the gap in outcomes between the most deprived and least deprived children and young people in South Ayrshire.

Priority 3 – Ensure children and young people who are looked after or are care leavers are cared for and supported to improve their life experiences and life chances.

Priority 4 – Ensure all children and young people are supported to achieve and maintain good emotional and physical wellbeing.

Priority 5 – Ensure children and young people have a voice in influencing service delivery that affects their lives.

T Eltringham, the Director of Health and Social Care intimated that both reports, the Progress Review Report and the Children's Services Annual Report, recognised the requirement for early preventative intervention which would be a priority for the Health and Social Care Partnership.

The Leader asked that the bureaucracy existing between agencies should be reduced as it slowed down processes and created delays in achieving the priorities. He intimated that one of the aims of the Administration is to enable children and young people to be all they could be - happy confident people.

The Depute Chief Executive indicated that the Children's Services Plan was not a tick box exercise, it was about real issues and real people and was a plan that would drive the business to improve lives in the real world.

Councillor McGinley was very positive about the Plan emphasising that it was important that children and young people were listened to and knew what the priorities were going forward.

The Principal, Ayrshire College emphasised that all agencies had a good working relationship and that working together we could achieve much more.

Decided: to request members of the Community Planning Board to provide feedback on the draft Children's Services Annual Report 2017/18 prior to its finalisation and submission to the Scottish Government.

9. **Draft Local Police Plan for South Ayrshire 2018-2021**

There was submitted (issued) a report dated 3 May 2018 by the Service Lead – Community Services and Facilities requesting that the Community Planning Board consider the Draft Local Police Plan for South Ayrshire for 2018-21 and provide any feedback prior to its finalisation.

The Police and Fire and Rescue Service (Scotland) Act 2012 created a national police force and a national fire and rescue service. As a consequence of the legislation, a Local Police Plan is prepared for each local authority area which must be approved by the local authority and its performance monitored accordingly.

The draft Plan included 5 priorities:-

Priority 1 – to reduce incidents of violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

Priority 2 – to reduce the harm to our communities by tackling alcohol and drug misuse.

Priority 3 – to protect people at risk of harm.

Priority 4 - to improve road safety.

Priority 5 – to reduce acquisitive crime.

Gary l'Anson, Chief Superintendent provided a verbal report outlining the main priorities and objectives for South Ayrshire and stated that Police Scotland wanted to continue to work with their partners to improve the lives of people in South Ayrshire. He particularly commented on the work undertaken by Campus Officers within schools around the dangers of substance misuse and encouraging young people to make positive life choices, also Trading Standards in terms of rogue traders.

The Chair enquired if all schools should have a Campus Officer and Paul Main, Chief Superintendent advised that, should requests be received, Campus Officers would be provided under the same funding arrangement.

Dr Joy Tomlinson, Public Health Medicine, NHS Ayrshire and Arran commented on the recent publicity around what appeared to be the overprovision of off-sales premises and an increase in criminal activity. Paul Main, Chief Superintendent intimated that there was no direct link and he was more concerned about the harm caused by overprovision of alcohol in terms of mental health issues. He stated that the overall emphasis of the Plan was harm reduction and becoming a Trauma informed organisation.

Decided: to request members of the Community Planning Board to provide feedback on the draft Local Police Plan for South Ayrshire 2018-21 prior to its finalisation.

10. **Plastic Straw Commitment and Single Use Plastic Pledge**

There was submitted (issued) a report dated 3 May 2018 by the Service Lead – Community Services and Facilities inviting partners of the South Ayrshire Community Planning Board to join the Council in its commitment to stop procuring single use plastic straws with immediate effect and to investigate options for other single use plastic products over the next four years.

Awareness of the environmental impact of plastic had been growing significantly and the Council's Leadership Panel considered the attached report in March 2018. The report set out the Council's commitment to stop procuring single use plastic straw with immediate effect and over the next four years and to investigate options for other single use plastic products.

Officers from the Council's Sustainability Team would be making contact with partners to provide further information on the above pledge.

Heather Dunk, Principal, Ayrshire College intimated that they had stopped using single use plastic straws over a year ago, with the exception of people with medical conditions, and would be happy to share their experiences with other partners.

Kerry Wallace, Scottish Natural Heritage advised that they had gone a step further and issued re-usable cups to staff in order to reduce the use of single use plastic cups.

Decided: that members of the Board consider joining the Council in its commitment to stop procuring single use plastic straws with immediate effect and to investigate options for other single use plastic products over the next four years.

11. **Any Other Competent Business**

Valerie Stewart, Co-ordinator, Community Planning briefly informed partners of a Scottish Government consultation on the development of a national shared dataset for vulnerable children and that a community planning response was being developed.

Concerns were raised about the number of numerical, or quantitative, indicators listed compared to qualitative indicators which measure impact and outcomes. Councillor McGinley intimated that the Board required clarity as to why it was gathering this information, what it was for and what the Scottish Government was going to do with it? The Chair suggested that the Board should be asking these questions and be robust in our response.

Dr Joy Tomlinson, Public Health Medicine, NHS Ayrshire and Arran updated the Board on the undernoted:-

National Public Plan
Realistic Medicine
Attitude
Health and all Policies

12. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Community Planning Board would take place on **Tuesday 28 August 2018 at 2.00pm in the Maybole Committee Room**, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr.

The meeting ended at 4.00 pm