

MINUTE
of
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minute of Meeting held at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park, Giffnock on 13 June 2019.

Present:

Councillor Tony Buchanan (Chair)	Anne Marie Kennedy, (Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire)
Graeme Binning, (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service)	Brian McNulty, (Police Scotland)
Valerie Davidson, (Strathclyde Partnership For Transport)	Lorraine McMillan, (East Renfrewshire Council)
Neil Hastie, (Scottish Government)	Julie Murray, (Chief Officer, Health & Social Care Partnership)
	James Russell, (Skills Development Scotland)

Councillor Buchanan in the Chair

Attending:

Caroline Innes, Deputy Chief Executive; Jamie Reid, Communities and Strategic Insight Senior Manager; Tracy Butler, Partnerships Team Leader; Louise Bickerton, Partnerships Support Officer; and Ron Leitch, Committee Services Officer.

Apologies:

Mark Newlands, (Scottish Enterprise); and Wendy Wilkinson (Scottish Government).

INTRODUCTION

1. Councillor Buchanan welcomed those attending and invited all present to contribute to the discussion and debate.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. The Board considered the Minute of the meeting of 25 June 2018. Ms Davidson clarified that she represented Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and not Scottish Passenger Transport as shown in the Minute.

Having noted this correction, the Board approved the Minute of the meeting of 25 June 2018.

ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

3. Councillor Buchanan invited the Deputy Chief Executive to introduce the report on the Annual Review 2018/19.

The Deputy Chief Executive explained that the Annual Review 2018/19 was the opportunity for the Board to consider the work of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) over the past year. This work had been guided and scrutinised by the Performance and Accountability Review (PAR) at its twice-yearly meetings and full details were contained in the comprehensive pack of papers issued to members prior to the meeting. Consequently, it was not her intention to go over these in detail but to focus on a few key messages and to guide the Board on the decisions that required to be made.

The key messages included a report on high level Community Plan indicators provided as an assurance that key data for the area continued to be monitored and scrutinised by the PAR which had raised no major issues in this regard. The PAR had however increased its focus on a small number of indicators, including business survival rates, incidences of crime, perceptions of increased crime and female life expectancy, which had gone against the intended direction of travel.

She went on to report that the CPP was successfully embedding the delivery of the Fairer East Ren outcomes within the partnership arrangements and in May the PAR had approved delivery plans for 4 out of the 5 outcomes. These were the reduction of the impact of child poverty; improving employability; and a joint plan focussed on promoting mental wellbeing and reducing social isolation. Planned transport studies would develop a greater depth of understanding of transport needs within the area to inform the Improving Transport delivery plan.

The CPP had continued with its phased approach to locality planning with participatory budgeting stimulating interest and participation in all locality plan areas with more than 1200 local people casting votes to allocate £100,000 to community-led activities in Barrhead, Thornliebank and Neilston through a local participatory budgeting steering group. In the second phase, the Neilston locality plan was progressing well and a draft plan would be published later in the year. Early development work in Thornliebank was identifying community members and groups who were keen to engage in this process. Overall, the approach to locality planning was based on building relationships with communities and strengthening a planning and service delivery process which met their needs.

The Deputy Chief Executive concluded her report by showing a short video showcasing the 2019 Neilston participatory budgeting voting event which she had referred to earlier following which she opened the item up to members for comments or questions.

Chief Superintendent McNulty commented that the increase in incidences of crime had to be viewed in context with the number of crimes increasing only marginally and against a trend of year on year reductions. However, he did express his concern at the increased perception of crime and stated that Police Scotland was continuing to make increased use of social media in an effort to ensure that positive messages on crime and detection were being made available to residents and businesses. Mr Hastie reported that the Scottish Government had concluded that the perception of crime as opposed to the incidence of crime was a national problem with an aging population reporting that they felt less safe now than in the past. The Chief Executive also commented that perception of crime could be a short-term perception depending on when a survey was conducted, citing that the most recent Citizen's Panel survey had taken place shortly after a serious police incident had occurred in the area.

Local Senior Officer Binning welcomed the report, expressing the view that strong relationships continued to develop across the authority area and that an increasing role for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) locally had been reflected in the recent appointment of an SFRS Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) to work alongside the Police Scotland LALO in the Council's Partnerships Team. This arrangement followed a joint decision with the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) to base a full-time fast-response paramedic unit at Clarkston Community Fire Station.

Ms Murray, (Chief Officer, Health & Social Care Partnership (HSCP)) stated that, working with a number of partners, the HSCP was commencing its own locality based processes which would be data-rich and see further close collaboration with partners and local communities in locality plan areas.

Ms Kennedy welcomed the report and expressed the view that, now that the information was going out to communities, it was important to emphasise the many positive aspects which it contained.

Having heard Councillor Buchanan note that the perception that East Renfrewshire was not a safe place in which to live was not supported by the available data and express the view that the media tended not to report on good-news stories but to concentrate on bad news, the Board agreed to:-

- (a) note the Community Plan End Year Data Report and the PAR's role in monitoring and scrutinising the data;
- (b) note the completed Fairer East Ren Delivery plans;
- (c) note the progress on the phased approach to locality planning;
- (d) note the progress on delivering the 2018/19 priorities; and
- (e) approve the Annual Progress Reports to communities on the Community Plan; Auchenback Locality Plan; and the ADD2Barrhead Locality Plan in principle and delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any minor amendments required by the Council following its consideration of the reports at the meeting on 26 June.

PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT 2019/20

4. Councillor Buchanan invited the Communities and Strategic Insight Senior Manager to introduce the report on the proposed improvement areas for the forthcoming year.

The Communities and Strategic Insight Senior Manager explained that each year the Board gave further guidance to the work of the PAR by setting improvement priorities for the following year. The 2 priorities proposed for 2019/20 had been informed by national research on potential improvement areas for CPPs across Scotland.

During discussions at the PAR a theme had emerged that smarter sharing of evidence between individual partners and across delivery partnerships could bring significant benefits as the CPP moved into the delivery phase of Fairer East Ren and Locality Plans. A proposal had subsequently been agreed to improve the sharing and use of evidence between partners in order to make the most of existing capacity.

Community planning partners within East Renfrewshire had a strong story to tell around community participation over the past 2 years with more than 2000 people engaged in the development of Fairer East Ren and Locality Plans and high levels of involvement in participatory budgeting and locality planning. The natural next step was for the CPP to challenge itself to ensure that the voices of vulnerable and seldom-heard groups were heard. The second improvement proposal to target community engagement around vulnerable people, seldom-heard groups, and communities of interest had emerged from these discussions.

Local Senior Officer Binning welcomed the report and advised the Board that SFRS was working to reduce incidences of non-fire related injuries within the home environment such as trips and falls and was working closely with the Health and Social Care Falls Team to try to achieve this. Achieving this objective would reduce the number of calls to SFRS to assist in moving casualties and also lead to a positive impact on the number of referrals to hospital Accident and Emergency Units.

Having heard Councillor Buchanan again emphasise the critical importance of partnership working and the need to make every effort to give everyone a voice in the community, the Board agreed to approve the proposed priorities for improvement during 2019/20 as set out in the report.

CHIEF OFFICERS' PUBLIC PROTECTION GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

5. Councillor Buchanan explained that the Chief Officers' Public Protection Group (COPPG) brought together senior staff from the Council, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC), East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and Police Scotland to provide strategic direction and oversight of public protection arrangements within East Renfrewshire and invited the Council's Chief Executive to present the Annual Report 2018/19.

The Chief Executive briefly explained that the group provided strategic direction on priorities concerning risk and clear expectations for partnership arrangements on the safe delivery of services that kept people and communities safe. It ensured that partnership working within East Renfrewshire met with national standards around risk management and, in addition, considered how effective local planning arrangements within services and the partnership were in managing risk.

Having outlined the membership and core functions of the group, the Chief Executive drew the Board's attention to the first East Renfrewshire Public Protection Conference which had been attended by approximately 180 delegates and which had been deemed to have been an overwhelming success. She also highlighted the group's work on a number of national priorities including around child protection, adult protection, Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA); and violence against women and girls. She concluded her introduction by explaining how the focus of the group's work made extensive use of data and case studies in determining strategic direction.

Chief Superintendent McNulty welcomed the report and expressed the view that it was vital to reinforce to local residents the key messages which it contained. He also expressed the view that operational partnerships across East Renfrewshire continued to gain strength and that a considerable amount of valuable work around public protection was being done by CPPs across Scotland.

Following further brief discussion, and having heard the Chief Executive explain that work around mental health and vulnerability would be looked at by the group in the coming year, the Board:-

- (a) noted the high level public protection activity outlined in the report; and
- (b) agreed that the group should continue to provide annual updates to the Board concerning public protection scrutiny and improvement activity that provided assurance that people and communities were being kept safe.

INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION SESSIONS

6. Councillor Buchanan explained that Information and Consultation Sessions were a key part of the Council's community planning arrangements through involving Elected Members in the work of the CPP and invited the Partnerships Team Leader to introduce the report.

The Partnerships Team Leader provided a brief overview of the sessions which had taken place during 2018/19. These had covered a wide range of topics including, amongst others, progress on preparation of the Local Development Plan 2; town centre improvement works; Glasgow City Deal Projects; transportation investment; community justice; improved outcomes for care experienced young people; and the Public Health Strategy for NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde 2018/28.

She went on to explain that to date topics had been agreed for 2 sessions planned for 2019/20 covering Community Choices Mainstreaming which builds on the participatory budgeting work which had already been carried out and reported on in the Annual Report 2018/19, and a session from the Youth Forum. A number of other topics had been proposed for future sessions including a presentation by Glasgow City Council on City Regeneration; Civil Contingencies; further detail on the progress of Glasgow City Deal Projects within East Renfrewshire; and potential impacts arising from the devolution of a number of welfare benefits to the new Social Security Scotland agency.

Following brief discussion, the Board noted the report for 2018/19 and invited members to contribute any further suggestions for future sessions to the Partnerships Team.

VALEDICTORY – CHIEF SUPERINTEDEDENT BRIAN McINULTY

7. Councillor Buchanan advised the Board that this would be the last meeting attended by Chief Superintendent McInulty who would shortly be retiring from Police Scotland. He thanked him for his contribution to the Board and also for his attendance at meetings of the Council and Cabinet (Police and Fire) to update them on key policing developments.

The Deputy Chief Executive added her appreciation and thanks to Chief Superintendent McInulty and congratulated him on his recent award of the Queen's Police Medal (QPM) in Her Majesty's Birthday Honours List.

Chief Superintendent McInulty replied in appropriate terms, thanking the Council and the Board for their continuing support for Police Scotland and commending to them his successor, Chief Superintendent Hazel Hendren.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8. It was reported that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Thursday 11 June 2020 at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, Council HQ, Eastwood Park.